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SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that huge sums are spent on the travelling allowance of these doctors by transferring them to distant districts, for example, by transferring a doctor from Visakhapatnam to Anantapur and from Anantapur to Visakhapatnam and the doctors themselves are put to much inconvenience, and will the Government consider the desirability of restricting such transfers within certain regions? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, as far as possible, transfers from one corner of the State to the other are avoided."

Point of order re *answers to supplementary questions.*

9-30 a.m. SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రము వస్తున్నదనే సాకుతో మంత్రులు, సభ్యులు వేసేటటువంటి ప్రశ్నలకు ప్రతిదానికి ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రాన్ని అడ్డము పెడుతూ సమాధానాలిస్తున్నారు. ఇది సభ్యుల హక్కులకు భంగకరంగా ఉంటుంటుందని తెలియజేస్తున్నాను. ఆరు నెలలకు వస్తుందనే ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రాన్ని అడ్డం పెట్టుచున్నారు. ఈలోగా మంత్రులేమన్నా కాని కిందపారేశి దిష్టిబొమ్మల్లాగా కూర్చోదలచారా? మంత్రులు ఇటువంటి విధానాన్ని అవలంభించకూడదని కోరుచున్నాను. అధ్యక్షులు సమాధానం సక్రమంగా మంత్రులచే చెప్పించేందుకు శ్రద్ధ తీసుకుంటారని మనవి."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member has raised a point of order. He says that during the question hour, he has found that most of the Ministers are brushing away all supplementaries though they are relevant on the pretext that in the near future the Andhra State will be formed. He believes that it is not proper to leave out questions like this and requests the Chair to come to his aid by asking the Ministers to take more interest in questions and answer them properly."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have nothing to do with the method of answering by Ministers as I have often told the House."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Land assignment to Harijans.

13 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cultivable land (waste land) available in the State; and

(*b*) the extent of lands assigned to the Harijans and landless poor for the past five years?

A.—(*a*) 6,823,616 acres.

(*b*) Harijans—459,628 acres. Landless poor—The information is not available with the Government.

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Loans and Sales Society, Ariyalur.

14 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Loan and Sales Society, Ariyalur, was superseded by the Government;

(*b*) if so, when and for what reason;

(*c*) whether the society office was kept locked up for some time after the supersession;

(*d*) if so, for how long;

(*e*) who were the persons responsible for the misconduct leading to the liquidation of the society; and

(*f*) what action was taken by the Government against them?

A.—(*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The committee of the society was superseded by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for a period of one year from 25th July 1951 for the following reasons:—

(i) the committee purchased a pleasure car at a cost of Rs. 6,500 while there was sanction of the general body for the purchase of a jeep at a cost of Rs. 3,000 only;

(ii) no trip sheet was maintained for the car till 26th February 1950; there were several complaints alleging unauthorized use of car by the secretary;

(iii) the committee failed to regulate the work of the two lorries owned by it; one of them was a public carrier; no action had been taken to recover the hire charges outstanding against the directors and others;

(iv) one of the lorries was sold by private negotiation contrary to the advice of the Deputy Registrar to sell it by public auction;

(v) the society constructed a lorry shed at a cost of Rs. 2,274–12–3 and a decorticating factory for rupees 22,415–10–6, without proper sanction from the general body; the Board failed to regulate and watch the expenditure in connexion with these works;

(vi) the Secretary made an unauthorized advance of Rs. 1,150 to the Madras General Engineering Company; and

(vii) the Board failed to exercise proper supervision over procurement operations which led to serious irregularities. The District Collector, Tiruchirappalli, framed charges against the society for such irregularities and ordered the forfeiture to Government of a sum of Rs. 200 out of the society's security deposit of Rs. 500.

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(*c*) & (*d*) As the President did not hand over charge to the Special Officer on 25th July 1951, the Special Officer had to take charge of the records with the help of police on 12th August 1952.

(*e*) The following persons were responsible for misconduct in the society :—

(1) Sri L. Sabhapathi Pillai—Ex-Secretary.
(2) Sri S. Krishnamurthi Ayyar—Ex-President.
(3) Sri S. Natesa Ayyar.
(4) Sri S. Ratnam Pillai.
(5) Sri Radha Asari.
(7) Sri A. Nagalingam.
(6) Sri Chinnaswami.
} Employees of the society. (3)–(6)

(*f*) A prosecution was launched against the persons responsible for misappropriation.

Weekly offtake of foodgrains from fair price shops in Malabar.

15 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average weekly offtake of foodgrains from what are now fair price shops in Malabar at the time of decontrol and now;

(*b*) the price of foodgrains supplied through such shops in Malabar at the time of decontrol and now;

(*c*) the number of ration shops in existence in Malabar at the time of decontrol and the number of fair price shops now; and

(*d*) the scale of ration supplied in Malabar at the time of decontrol and now?

A.—(*a*) There are no fair price shops in Malabar district as mentioned in the question. Even after decontrol, informal rationing has been in force in this district and foodgrains are supplied through ration shops. The average weekly offtake of foodgrains before and after decontrol was as follows :—

	Rice (in tons).	Wheat (in tons).	Other grains (in tons).
Before decontrol ..	4,818	84	21
After decontrol ..	3,714	7	3

(*b*) The retail prices of foodgrains before decontrol per imperial maund were—

Rice. (1)			Wheat. (2)			Other grains (milo). (3)		
RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
16	12	4	22	5	10	16	13	4
20	10	4	24	13	7	17	0	5

The retail prices of foodgrains in December 1952 per imperial maund were—

Rice. (1)			Wheat. (2)			Other grains. (3)		
RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
19	13	7	18	4	7	9	13	5
20	13	3	22	3	1	11	11	2

(c) **Before decontrol** .. **2,697 ration shops.**
After decontrol .. **2,633 ration shops.**

(d) Till June-October 1952, the scale and composition was 7 oz. of rice plus 5 oz. of other grains per adult per day. Now the same scale continues to be in force in all areas in Malabar district except in the taluks of Palghat, Ernad and Walluvanad where 6 oz. of rice plus 6 oz. of other grains are being issued.

Road construction in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar.

16 *Q.*—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of roads to be newly constructed in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district; and

(*b*) the names of footpaths and abandoned old roads to be improved and made fit for vehicular traffic in Walluvanad taluk, which have been included in the Five-Year Programme of the Post-war Road Development in the State?

A.—(*a*) The following seventeen road works are to be formed in Walluvanad taluk in Malabar district under the Five-Year Programme of Post-war Road Development :—

(1) Forming Valancherry–Nellaya road.

(2) Forming road from Kulappulli to Cherpulcherri *via* Puliyanankunnu.

(3) Forming road from Thazhakode to Kolaparamba and from thence to Vettathur.

(4) Forming road from Kuttikode to M.D.R. 49.

(5) Forming road from Kayiliad–Panayur to Vaniankulam.

(6) Forming road from Edappatta to Edathanattukara.

(7) Forming Tiruvegapura–Pallipuram road.

(8) Forming Karimpuzha–Elampulasseri road.

(9) Forming Cherukara–Marayamangalam road.

(10) Forming Karinganad–Chundumbatta–Natiyamangalam road.

(11) Forming Cherukattupalem–Ezuppa–Karakkad road.

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(12) Forming Thazhakode–Chethalloor road.
(13) Forming Mangode–Vellinazhi road.
(14) Forming Naduvattam village road.
(15) Forming Thazhakkode–Alipparamba road.
(16) Forming Cherukutangad–Muthuthala road.
(17) Forming Mundakkottukurissi–Vallapuzha road.

(*b*) Of the seventeen works mentioned under clause (*a*), the works in items (1), (2), (5), (7), (10), (11), (13), (14), (15), (16) and (17) will involve improvement to existing footpaths or abandoned roads.

Survey and classification of cultivable waste lands.

17 *Q*.—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the survey and classification of cultivable waste lands in the State will be finished;

(*b*) whether any interim report on the question is available; and

(*c*) whether the Government are taking steps to bring under cultivation the lands surveyed and classified as fit for immediate cultivation, and if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) It is presumed the hon. Member refers to the survey of big blocks undertaken by the Agricultural Engineering staff which has since been completed in four districts: Nellore, Ramanathapuram, South Kanara and Salem. This survey has since been stopped with a view to getting the work done by the Revenue subordinates instead of putting engineering staff on the job. The Collectors have been instructed to select one suitable taluk in their district suitable from the point of view of getting at large extents of uncultivated but cultivable lands and to instruct the Tahsildars concerned to gather information on the following points so that Government may get down to work usefully and frame follow-up plans for bringing the lands so localized under cultivation. The above pilot survey is expected to be completed by 30th June 1953, when the question of undertaking similar survey in other taluks will be considered :—

(1) Name of the village, survey numbers and extents of each field comprising the block (Government or patta, wet or dry).

(2) Nature of reclamation required—mechanical (light, medium or heavy) or manual or animal labour.

(3) Whether the lands are fit for wet cultivation? If so, indicate irrigation sources which exist already or which can be developed.

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(4) Whether the lands are fit for cultivation with the help of wells if the sub-soil is favourable.

(5) Whether lands are fit only for dry cultivation?

(6) What further measures are necessary to bring these lands under cultivation?

(b) In the districts where the survey by the Engineering staff has been completed, detailed statements of lands localized are available.

(c) The Board has been asked to submit proposals for constructively utilizing the data already gathered by the Engineering staff. The Board's report in the matter is awaited. As regards the survey by Revenue subordinates the Government will know the position after the completion reports are received from the Collectors.

Excavation of supply channels for tanks in Kamalapuram taluk, Cuddapah district.

18 *Q.*—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the action taken by the Government on the memorandum presented to him by me on the occasion of his visit to Cuddapah on 1st October 1952 with regard to:

(a) excavation of new supply channels for Alidona, Talapanur and Kalamalla tanks in Kamalapuram taluk;

(b) improvements for Kamalapuram tank;

(c) construction of new tanks at Changaleru and T. Veelamvaripalli in Pulivendla taluk;

(d) improvements to the existing spring channels;

(e) improvements to the spring channel at Chinnadandlur, Kamalapuram taluk; and

(f) formation of a new spring channel from the river Papagni for Yerraballi and Kottapalli in Kamalapuram taluk?

A.—The Chief Engineer for Irrigation has been asked to look into the proposals and take appropriate action.

Loans granted under the State-Aid to Industries Act.

19 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of loan granted by the Government under the State-Aid to Industries Act, during the past two financial years with the names of the concerns which have received the aid in Malabar; and

(b) the progress of the concerns in repaying the loans to Government?

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A.—(a) A loan of Rs. 1 lakh was granted to only one concern, viz., Messrs. Techno Chemicals, Limited, Kozhikode, in Malabar district under the Madras State-Aid to Industries Act, during the past two financial years ending 31st March 1952 in Malabar district.

(b) Messrs. Techno Chemicals, Limited, Kozhikode, repaid the first annual instalment of the loan amounting to Rs. 8,449 which fell due on 1st June 1951 and the second instalment of the loan amounting to Rs. 8,024 on 31st May 1952.

Clerks appointed under rule 9 (a) (i).

20 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of clerks appointed under rule 9 (a) (i) of the general rules for Provincial and Subordinate Services as an emergency measure from 1939 to 1947;

(b) how many of them have been subsequently absorbed in the regular service as per the above rules;

(c) how many of them were allowed to continue on the results of the competitive examinations and how many of them were declared unfit; and

(d) how many of them were otherwise discharged and for what reasons?

A.—(a) to (d) Too much time and labour would have to be spent to obtain and analyse the information from all over the State. It will not be possible now to do it and even then the results attained will not be commensurate with any purpose the collection of such statistics may serve.

Rural Welfare Scheme.

21 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on account of Rural Welfare in each district of the State from April 1940 and inclusive of March 1952?

A.—The Rural Welfare Scheme was launched in selected firkas and centres only in the latter half of the year 1946–47. The expenditure incurred by the Government in each district on the Rural Welfare Scheme from the inception of the Scheme up to and inclusive of March 1952 is given below :—

Name of district. (1)	Expenditure incurred. (2)
	RS.
Srikakulam	66,670
Visakhapatnam	5,01,765

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Name of district. (1)	Expenditure incurred. (2) RS.
East Godavari	1,89,168
West Godavari	6,33,307
Krishna	2,59,797
Guntur	4,80,651
Nellore	2,47,606
Cuddapah	2,90,121
Anantapur	2,34,087
Bellary	2,51,288
Kurnool	3,95,951
Chittoor	3,05,248
Chingleput	2,06,633
North Arcot	2,99,833
South Arcot	3,75,185
Tanjore	2,45,646
Tiruchirappalli	3,44,171
Madurai	5,27,269
Ramanathapuram	2,76,230
Tirunelveli	3,38,492
Coimbatore	6,25,478
The Nilgiris	1,92,091
Salem	2,58,572
South Kanara	2,49,723
Malabar	3,55,412
Madras (Presidency Audit)	71,943

Admission into the Engineering Colleges.

22 *Q.*—Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students admitted into the Government Engineering Colleges from West Godavari district; and

(*b*) the number of them belonging to (i) Harijan, (ii) Christian Converts and (iii) other communities?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It is presumed that the information required is in respect of admissions in 1952–53.

Twenty-one students from West Godavari district were admitted into the Government Engineering Colleges during 1952–53. Of them, one is a Harijan, six are Christians and the rest belong to other communities.

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Supply of electricity to Kovvur town.

23 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received a representation, dated 24th October 1952, of the Panchayat Board, Kovvur town, West Godavari, requesting for the extension of the electricity scheme to Kovvur town also; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) A scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Kovvur town and other villages in West Godavari district is under examination.

Concessions to war service candidates.

24 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether concessions to war service candidates in the matter of appointment by relaxation of rules regarding educational qualifications and removal of the necessity to appear for the Madras Public Service Commission Examination are being continued now; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for discontinuing the same?

A.—(*a*) The concessions apply only to war service candidates recruited against vacancies specifically reserved for them under the Madras Civil Services (War Service Personnel) Recruitment Rules, 1941. Recruitment to reserved vacancies are almost over. These concessions are being continued for filling up those very few reserved vacancies which have not so far been filled by war service candidates.

(*b*) Does not arise.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have to announce to the House that I have received the following Messages from the Governor of Madras:—

'(1) In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199 (1) (*d*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Consolidated Fund (Withdrawal of Moneys) Bill, 1953, and in pursuance of clause (3) of Article 207, I also recommend to that Assembly the consideration of the said Bill.'

'(2) In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199 (1) (*d*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1953, and in pursuance of clause (3) of Article 207, I also recommend to that Assembly the consideration of the said Bill.'"